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Renew before it is too late.

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HOUCHIN ONLY MAN NO FACTION MAKES FIGHT ON

St. Louis Republic Says: His Headquarters Were Thronged With Supporters During National Convention.

MUST AVAILABLE MAN TO BEAT G. O. P. IN NOVEMBER

Kansas City Houchin Club Motored to St. Louis for Convention and Stirred Enthusiasm.



JAMES A. HOUCHIN.

The St. Louis Republic on Monday after the Democratic National Convention adjourned in St. Louis, carried the following news story:

After a busy week in St. Louis James A. Houchin, the Jefferson City manufacturer who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will depart for a speaking tour of Osage and Maries counties. During the convention the Houchin headquarters on the parlor floor of the Planters Hotel were thronged with his friends and supporters.

One of the features of the week for the Houchin candidacy was a tour across the state from Kansas City to St. Louis by the Kansas City "Houchin-for-Governor Club." The party numbered 100 and filled 25 automobiles.

Banners on the machines advertised the Houchin propaganda for better roads.

There was no lack of activity by these and the other Houchin advocates. They were everywhere during the convention. At the Press Club Frolic, at the Coliseum and at all prominent points in the city there was evidence of the Houchin candidacy.

Supporters of Houchin assert he is the only one of the seven candidates for the nomination for governor on whom there is not an organized fight and that he could carry the state by a safe majority.

The supporters of Mr. Houchin say he has no fight to make on anyone, that he is conducting a clean campaign on his own merits and that he has a feasible, practical plan by which Missouri can build a system of modern highways without additional taxation, which he is explaining to the people. This, with the conservation of the state's financial resources through an administration along business lines constitute the chief features of his platform.

MRS. GABRIEL.

Mrs. John Gabriel, 59 years old, died at her home at Farber recently. She was a native of Germany, coming to this country with her parents when she was 9 years old.

Mrs. Gabriel is survived by her husband and five children. The children are: Mrs. Bertha Williams of North Loup, Neb.; Albert Gabriel, Klamath Falls, Oregon; John Gabriel, Fresno, Calif.; Mrs. Annie Wilcox, Farber, and Miss Christine Gabriel, who lives at home.

Mrs. Gabriel was a brother of Chris Marburg of Laddonia and Mrs. Rika Miller of Farber.

PROF. FRENCH STROTHER.

Aged Educator Passes Away at the Mexico Hospital Sunday—Burial in Monroe County.

Prof. French Strother, 91 years old, died at the Mexico Hospital Sunday afternoon. He had made his home thru the winter with his daughter, Mrs. H. P. Warden, at Columbia. He was brought here Saturday.

Mr. Strother enjoyed a long and useful career. He was a native of Virginia. Was educated in the public schools and University of that State. He began teaching when 19 years old. Taught six years in Alabama and made the trip from home of 1,000 miles on horseback. He never saw a railroad train until 1850. He returned home number of negro slaves which he inherited he migrated to Missouri. Farmed in Callaway county for some time. Leased a Presbyterian school at St. Charles and managed it for several years. Afterwards taught in Monroe county and the postoffice of Strother was named for him. Later he taught at Perry and finally he moved to Audrain where he served as County School Commissioner for two terms. He remained active in public affairs until only a few years ago.

The burial was at New Hope Church yesterday, near Strother, funeral conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace of Mexico. The pallbearers were: Judge J. A. Guthrie, S. P. Emmons, W. G. Wilkins, Frank Parker, J. A. Abaay and Wallace Dearing.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Negress Falls Down Embankment in Front of R. R. Train—Body Is Hurled 30 Feet.

Minnie Blue, colored, wife of Bert Blue, was instantly killed Friday morning near Pollock's Mill. It seems that she fell down the embankment at that point, near the wagon road crossing, onto the railroad track. She was struck by a Wabash freight train and hurled 25 or 30 feet. A coroner's inquest was held in Justice Wayne's court Saturday.

The Lady Maccabee Hives, Washington and Hollister, held a review Friday night. District Deputy Miss Lizzie Sanford was present and gave a talk. A social hour followed. Ice cream and cake were served.

There is a new daughter in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mason at Greenwood, Ark., born June 22, 1916. Mrs. Mason was formerly Miss Stella Snidow of this city and taught in McMillan for some time.

Paul Brown of St. Louis has given his check for \$1,000 toward the building of a new Methodist church at Montgomery City. The structure is to cost \$15,000 and \$11,000 of the money has been subscribed.

Ed Machin treated the Message family to a mess of new potatoes—The finest and biggest samples we have seen this season. Mr. Machin has a fine crop of tubers.

The merchants are to close at 11:00 a. m. for the Fourth of July Celebration.

Mrs. W. H. Debo and daughter, Miss Waltie Debo, visited R. S. Debo at Wellsville last week.

The Circuit Court in the case of Sam Spotsor against the Mexico Fire Clay Co. gave Spotsor \$750.

Mrs. H. B. Barks is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Walter Williams, of Columbia.

LADDONIA TO CELEBRATE.

"A Safe, Sane and Clean" Program—A Bunch of Interesting Local News.

Laddonia, Mo., June 26.—Born, to Homer Anderson and wife, last Monday, a fine girl baby.

Mrs. Hortense Foster, of Denver, Colo., has been a guest of her brother, J. H. Brown and wife for a week or more.

P. D. Hodge and wife of Lewiston, Idaho, are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hodge. They look prosperous and happy.

Dr. E. A. Lofton and wife and two children left for Clarksville last week for an extended visit with Mrs. Lofton's parents. They visited several days with friends in Laddonia.

Mrs. Elzea and Mrs. A. O. Alexander have returned from Sedalia, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hummel. Philip and Helen accompanied them home.

Mrs. Zach Bondurant was the guest of friends in Vandalia last week.

Rev. Clarence McCall, missionary from Japan and brother of Dr. McCall, spoke at the Christian church Thursday night. His address was most interesting. His wife addressed the ladies the next evening. She is a fluent and earnest speaker and the audience appreciated her talk very much.

Miss Laura Syler is home from New Mexico, where she taught last winter.

Howard Summers, Ray Smith and James Brakel returned Saturday from Macon, where they were sent as delegates to the Epworth League convention. They were also delegates to the S. S. Association at Mendon. They report both meetings as very enjoyable and helpful.

Rev. Simonton from South Missouri preached morning and evening at the Presbyterian church Sunday. He is an earnest and talented young man.

Mrs. R. S. Mechlin returned last week from a visit in Pennsylvania. She was called there by the sudden illness of her mother, who died a few hours before she arrived. Her father has since been stricken with paralysis, and his condition is reported critical.

The Town Board has granted the privilege of the Park to the Band boys for July 4th. They will celebrate with a picnic. Good music and refreshments will be furnished. The program will be safe and sane and also clean. Everybody come and bring the children.

TO CELEBRATE WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. John Beal and daughter, Miss Zola Beal, and Master Philip Bell left yesterday for Colorado Springs, Colorado. The marriage of Dr. Fred C. Zaugg and Miss Zola Beal will be solemnized at Colorado Springs June 30, 1916, at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Ura O. Musick. They will remain in that city where Dr. Zaugg has a fine dental practice. Mr. and Mrs. Beal will visit for some time in the Springs and at other points in Colorado.

CHURCH SOCIAL.

The Community Sunday School at Rock Hill will have an ice cream supper in the church building Saturday night, July 1st, for the purpose of starting a fund with which to re-roof and otherwise repair the church building. Any contributions to this fund will be thankfully received. All are cordially invited to attend. Ladies may help along by bringing cakes.

Miss Lillie Hendrix is home from an extended visit among friends in St. Louis.

GOD AND GRAPE JUICE.

Dr. Lee, Well Known in Mexico, Has an Opinion—One for The Baptist Preachers.

Rev. Dr. James W. Lee, presiding elder of the Southern M. E. Church, who offered the opening prayer as chaplain at the Democratic national convention week before last, in a sermon at St. John's M. E. Church, South, Sunday morning week, referred to observations made by him in the St. Louis convention. Dr. Lee has lectured in Mexico and is quite well known to a number of our people.

"No one could look into the face of William Jennings Bryan at the convention," he said, "without being able to see what grape juice and the love of God can do in the making of a vast character.

"As we go about we always can tell, by looking into the faces of persons we meet, exactly what their spiritual diet is.

"I was profoundly impressed with the Democratic convention. In my opinion the most remarkable thing in that convention was William Jennings Bryan. I have not always agreed with Mr. Bryan's political theories, but after more than 20 years of political struggle he has come thru it all with a great radiant, splendid, well rounded, rich character. The brightest face in the convention, the most interesting, the most beautiful, was that of Mr. Bryan.

"I visited Mr. Bryan in his room. I told Mr. Bryan the opinion of Col. Theodore Roosevelt had once expressed of him. It was while Roosevelt was President. I was neighbor of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the 'Uncle Remus' stories. Roosevelt had invited Harris to Washington as his dinner guest. When he returned, I called upon Harris to learn of the dinner. Harris told me that President Roosevelt, in reply to a question as to his opinion of Mr. Bryan, replied: 'By George, he would make the greatest Baptist preacher on earth.'

BEREA LETTER

Miss Scieffer was on the sick list a few days last week.

Miss Eunice Duncan is visiting her brother, Joe Duncan, and family near Thompson.

Ernest Vanlandingham is adding a new room to his residence.

Dr. J. F. Flynt and family motored over to Hallsville last week and visited the Doctor's parents.

Miss Brown of Thompson will deliver a lecture before the Mt. Zion Sunday School on the third Sunday in July.

Miss Myra Miller left Monday for a few weeks' visit to relatives at Norborne.

Herbert Cawthorn and wife returned to their home at Littleby Station after a few days' visit to P. R. Cawthorn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker who moved from the Long Branch neighborhood are here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Worley and sons and their guests, D. Gregory of Fulton and Joe Wheeler of Mexico, and O. H. Martin enjoyed an outing on Youngs' Creek Saturday afternoon.

FROM SOUTH MISSOURI.

Eldorado Springs, Mo., June 19. Friend Beal: You will find enclosed one dollar for the dear old Message another year. I still love to hear from our old Audrain and Mexico friends. We are having a fine revival here; 99 professions up to Saturday night. Meeting in charge of Revs. Telty and Nichol.

In closing will say, hurrah for President Wilson. We have some strong Wilson men here.

O. J. BERRY.

K. OF P INITIATE.

Hon. J. J. Crites of Joplin Delivers Address—Six Candidates Introduced—Visitors From Wellsville.

The Knights of Pythias held an enthusiastic meeting at their hall on Thursday night. Six persons were introduced into the third rank of the order. Four of these were from Wellsville. There were 25 visitors from Wellsville.

Hon. J. J. Crites, Past Grand Chancellor of the State, was present and delivered an address on the benefits, duties and beauties of the order.

H. C. Reynolds of Wellsville, vice-president of the Sixth Pythian District, also delivered a pleasing address.

T. L. Marshall, of Mexico, president of the Sixth District, made a happy talk and extended hearty welcome to all the visitors.

Refreshments closed the pleasures of the evening.

REEL-KUNKEL.

Mr. John Reel of Pembroke, Va., came to Mexico a few days since and took away with him one of our very best girls. He and Miss Lucile Kunkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kunkel, were united in marriage by Rev. S. W. Hayne Monday afternoon. The marriage was a complete surprise to Miss Kunkel's many friends here. The bride is a graduate of McMillan. She taught last year. She is an accomplished and very bright young woman. We congratulate Mr. Reel on the prize he has won. They will make their home in Pembroke.

Rev. J. W. Bruner, of Columbia, who is pastor of the Rising Sun Church, north of Mexico, has lived among the Mexicans and speaks the Spanish language. He says the Mexicans misunderstand the American people. If they understood us, and we fully understood them, there would be no war nor any trouble down there. Which the Message believes is about right. The Mexicans have some good grounds for suspicions against this government. Their leaders have always proved themselves robbers and murderers and they suspicion everybody.

Miss Fay Snidow of this city has been elected teacher of Departmental Art, a very important position, in the schools at Tulsa, Oklahoma. There are now three of the Snidow sisters teaching in the Tulsa schools. They know how to appreciate good teachers down there.

Prof. James McCreery has resigned as Manual Training teacher in McMillan High School. He will be assistant in Manual Arts in Missouri University next year.

Prof. James Culbertson has been quite sick at the home of his father, Rev. A. B. Culbertson.

Hugh Williams of Benton City is at Big Bend, Kansas, helping in the harvest fields.

E. F. Ketter of Kansas City was shaking hands with Mexico friends this week.

"Jump" Cauthorn attended a big horse show in Chicago this week. Mrs. C. L. Blanks is visiting in Webster Groves.

Sam Emmons has gone for a six months' stay at Artesia, New Mexico. C. D. Rodgers is home from Texas.

Mexico Savings Bank
44th Year in Business
Capital Stock \$150,000
W. W. FRY, President.
J. R. JESSE, Cashier.

OPENING GUNS FIRED AT MOLINO

The County Candidates at Molino Monday Night Make Their Pleas For Nomination.

The first meeting of the county candidates for their speaking campaign was held at Molino Monday night. The gathering was on Dr. J. F. Flynt's lawn. There was a large attendance from all the country round about.

C. C. Bybee acted as chairman. He first introduced L. A. Pryor, candidate for Constable of Salt River Township. Mr. Pryor wants to be elected on his qualifications. This government is not one of charity, he declared. Let the people judge of a man's fitness and act accordingly.

J. At. Brown, for the same office, followed. Mr. Brown is running for re-election. He asked the voters to consider his record and to treat him as they had done before and he would be doubly grateful.

Frank James, also for the same office, was the next to speak. He promised that if he were elected he would be faithful to his trust and discharge the duties of the office to the best of his knowledge and ability.

The speaking by this time began to warm up. Four candidates for sheriff were introduced and each made a good speech—Churchill B. Kennan, U. S. Goran, E. L. Gorman and J. C. Ford.

H. H. Gafford and J. C. Ringo, candidates for treasurer, presented their claims.

Sam T. Torreyson and J. P. Powell, candidates for assessor, next spoke, each promising faithful service if nominated.

Other speakers who followed were, C. C. Bledsoe and S. J. Bowne, candidates for Judge of the Western District; E. A. Shannon and D. M. Slonaker, candidates for Representative, and R. D. Rodgers, for Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Voter, attend these meetings, which are to be held in different parts of the county. Judge the men, and let the best man win for each of the offices.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH TO HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS

Bethlehem Baptist church, northwest of Mexico, will hold revival services commencing next Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

The church grounds have been prepared to accommodate all who care to come and camp out during the meetings. The services will be conducted under a large tent seating 500 people. There will be at least two Sundays in which there will be old fashioned basket dinner.

Dr. Sitton, the famous evangelist, will do all the preaching. Dr. Sitton is one of the most unique and satisfactory preachers of our time. He can hold any crowd, and holding, help.

A feature of the meetings will be the stirring singing, under the direction of Prof. Thomson, of Detroit, Mich.

The church and neighborhood extends a hearty invitation to all to come and enjoy these old-time revival services.

COMPARE OUR PRICES.

We have in our show window a large assortment of No. 1 good gray granite ware. Dippers 5c, funnels 3c, basting spoon 3c, 2 1-2 pt. stew pan 9c, soap dish 5c, good size pudding pan 6c and other articles too numerous to mention.

L. R. FERRIS.

Miss Ida Lawder visited friends in Benton City Sunday.